

7/18/2023

NOTICE OF DENIAL

William Lewnau
19435 Canterbury
Detroit, MI

**RE: Application Number 23-8437; 19435 Canterbury; Sherwood Forest Historic District
Project Scope: Install security cameras on pole in front yard**

Dear Applicant,

At the Regular Meeting that was held on 6/12/2023, the Detroit Historic District Commission (“DHDC”) reviewed the above-referenced application. Pursuant to Section 5(1) and 9(1) of the Michigan Local Historic District Act, as amended, being MCL 399.205 (1), MCL 399.209 (9) and Sections 21-2-78 and 21-2-80 of the 2019 Detroit City Code; the DHDC hereby issues a Denial for the following work, effective 7/18/2023, as it will be inappropriate according to the Secretary of Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation and the district’s Elements of Design:

- Install a pole with mounted security cameras within the property’s front yard, adjacent to the sidewalk (work completed without Historic District Commission approval)

The reason for the denial is that the proposed pole with mounted security cameras is incompatible with the home’s and district’s historic character for the following reasons:

- The area visible from the public right-of-way within the vicinity of 19435 Cambridge (street bed, berm area, and front yards) is devoid of modern, utilitarian intrusions such as stoplights, utility poles, pole mounted security cameras, utilitarian-style light poles, etc. The current/proposed pole-mounted security camera installation is an anomaly within the neighborhood and presents an appearance that is highly incompatible with the historic character of 19345 Canterbury and its surrounds due to its location, scale, and utilitarian appearance.
- The Commission’s *Security and Lighting Guidelines* emphasize the installation of security cameras “within the site/yard in a manner that will not call undue attention to itself.” The current installation is highly visible due to its scale, location, and utilitarian nature.

The Commission therefore issue a ***Denial*** for the project because it does not meet the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards, in particular, Standards#:

2). The historic character of a property will be retained and preserved. The removal of distinctive materials or alteration of features, spaces and spatial relationships that characterize a property will be avoided.

And....

9). New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction will not destroy historic materials, features, and spatial relationships that characterize the property. The new work will be differentiated from the old and will be compatible with the historic materials, features, size, scale and proportion, and massing to protect the integrity of the property and its environment.

The application may be resubmitted for the Historic District Commission's review when suggested changes have been made that address the cited reasons for denial, if applicable.

Please be advised that, in accordance with MCL 399. 211 and Section 21-2-81 of the 2019 Detroit City Code, an applicant aggrieved by a decision of the DHDC may file an appeal with the State Historic Preservation Review Board. Within sixty (60) days of your receipt of this notice, an appeal may be filed with:

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If you have any questions regarding the foregoing, please contact staff at 313-224-1762 or hdc@detroitmi.gov.

For the Commission:



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